

The Jottings - 19th June 2026

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'



Dear St John's Families,

I hope you are all enjoying, or planning to make the most of, the beautiful weather we are expecting this week. As temperatures rise next week, please remember to send children into school with sun cream already applied and a hat to help keep them safe in the sunshine.

We have had an amazing Arts Week, and we hope those of you who were able to join us for Learning in Action enjoyed seeing the children's creativity in full flow. It was our busiest Learning in Action yet, and it was wonderful to welcome so many families into school.

Throughout the week, the children have taken part in a wide range of fantastic experiences: dance routines taught by professional dance teachers and performers, a gymnastics demonstration, an additional author visit for some classes, and sessions with the Library Service exploring books and resources that show art is far more than painting and drawing.

Year 5 have also enjoyed a brilliant day of team building and collaboration at the Peter Ashley Centre, developing resilience, communication and problem-solving skills in a new environment. In addition, it was lovely to see so many families join us for our Clean Air Breakfast, supporting our ongoing work around healthy lifestyles and sustainable travel.

As a school, we have come together to explore creativity in all its forms. It has been a very different week, but one in which our values of courage, compassion and creativity have been clearly demonstrated by every year group.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

Spotlight on Year 2

What a super week of learning we've had in Ducks class for Arts Week.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming visitors into school to teach them a variety of dances, which they picked up quickly and performed with great enthusiasm. They also took part in a gymnastics session and also learned a song, all of which they embraced with confidence and excitement.

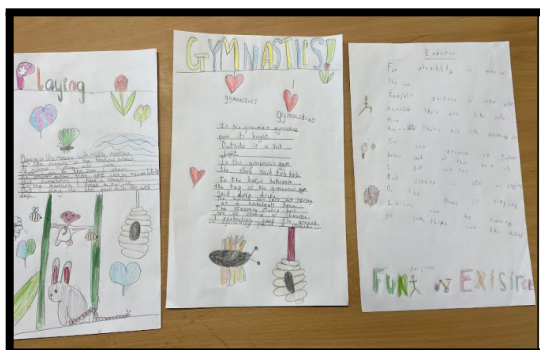
The class became wonderfully creative poets, writing poems about something that brings them joy. They also worked brilliantly as a team to create their own stormbreak, titled *Flower Fields*. They were very proud to share both their stormbreak and their poems with the Year 4 children.

Alongside all this creativity, the children have shown impressive determination and resilience with their times tables.

I am so proud of their creativity, courage and positivity during a week where they stepped outside their usual routines.

Thank you to all parents who joined us for Learning in Action and supporting our creation of our pastel portraits.

Fantastic Ducks.



Attendance Matters

Together, we can make sure every child makes the most of their opportunities and enjoys success.

This Week:

Whole school attendance average: **95.7%** Our target is **97%** - please come and chat with us regarding any attendance issues.

Best Attendance - KS1: Ducks 98.8% (**two weeks in a row Ducks!!**) KS2: Dragonflies 97.6%

Best Timekeepers: KS1: Frogs 0 late minutes KS2: Otters 0 late minutes

Non-school Uniform Day

Non school uniform day

will take place on **Friday 3rd July**. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes, and in exchange we kindly ask for a bottle donation from each child to support the tombola at our Bounce Bonanza.

We are also collecting good condition soft toys for a teddy tombola. These can be dropped into the office from now up until the 3rd July. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Tesco's Fundraising

Still a month to go - Please shop at Tesco's and support our school

Every little helps.

It's open, and the containers for the blue tokens are now in place and ready to use. The Tesco stores supporting our fundraising bid are:

- Warsash Locks Heath Express, SO31 9NZ
 - Whiteley Superstore, PO15 7LL
- Thank you for your support — every token really does make a difference, so please spread the word.

PAFS

PAFS News

BOUNCE BONANZA TAKE 2! – 03/07 - TWO WEEKS TO GO

Lots of inflatables and games available on the day. Lots of food and drink available.

£10 a ticket for anyone using the inflatables, spectators are free, all children need to be accompanied by a parent/responsible adult.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact pafswalthamchase@gmail.com.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs/index.cfm>



Shedfield Parish Council

Shirrell Heath • Shedfield • Waltham Chase

Parish Photo Competition, We Need Your Pictures

Help us showcase the beauty of Waltham Chase, Shedfield and Shirrell Heath on our new Parish Council website.

We're looking for stunning landscape and panoramic photographs that capture the character of our parish, from rolling countryside, village life and seasonal scenes to wildlife and favourite local places.

What we're looking for

Landscape or panoramic photographs (suitable for website banners), High-resolution images, Photos taken within the parish

Competition Details

Open to residents and visitors, submit up to 3 photographs, Selected images will feature on the new Parish Council website,

Photographers will be credited where images are used, Entrants under 16 must have parental permission

How to Enter

Email your photographs to: admin@shedfield-pc.gov.uk

Please include: Your name, Location where the photo was taken, A short description

By entering, you agree that the Parish Council may use your images for website and parish publicity purposes, with credit given.

Let's celebrate our parish together, we can't wait to see your photos!

Dates for your diary

This term important dates:

24th June - Year R Library trip

30th June - Year 6 Primary Proms

2nd July - Shuffle up day. Swanmore Induction Year 6 Induction

3rd July - Year 6 Leavers at Portsmouth Cathedral (**School Uniform to be worn**) & Non School Uniform Day in exchange for a bottle donation from each child to support the tombola at our Bounce Bonanza. PAFS Bounce Bonanza

14th & 15th July - Year 6 Production Performance

16th July - New Yr R intake Stay & Play

17th July - Community Hub 9am - 10.30am (MHST attending)

22nd - Last Day of Term

INSET dates 2026-2027:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027



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8th June 2026

WATER SAFETY ADVICE PRESS RELEASE

FAO Parents / Carers

We are deeply saddened by the recent loss of young people in open water incidents across the UK. Our thoughts are with their families, friends and all those affected.

These heartbreaking incidents are a reminder that open water can present serious risks, even when conditions appear calm or safe. Raising awareness of those risks is an important part of helping people stay safe around water.

As the weather becomes warmer, we know that many children and young people are naturally drawn to rivers, lakes, canals and other open water areas. These places can seem calm and inviting, they can also present serious and often hidden dangers.

Most drownings involving young people are preventable, yet 88% occur without adult supervision. The majority take place in everyday inland locations (84%), with risk peaking between May and August (71%). Most concerning, the National Child Mortality Database reports a 67% increase in drowning deaths among 13 to 17 year olds in recent years, highlighting the urgent need to equip young people with the knowledge and awareness to stay safe near water. *Figures provided by the Royal Life Saving Society UK*

We kindly ask for your support in speaking with your young person about the risks of swimming or playing in open water without appropriate supervision. Even strong swimmers can get into difficulty due to cold water shock, hidden currents, uneven ground and submerged hazards. It is also important to talk with your child about what to do in an emergency, including how to stay calm, float if they get into difficulty and how to call for help.

To support parents and carers, the Royal Life Saving Society UK provides a wide range of practical, easy-to-use resources designed to help families talk about water safety. These materials are age-appropriate and include guidance, videos and activities to help children and young people understand the risks of open water, build confidence and learn what to do in an emergency.



Please visit: RLSS - [Water Safety Advice](#)



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The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) also offers a range of accessible resources to support families in understanding key water safety messages, including the 'Float to Live' technique and awareness of cold water shock - a major contributing factor in many drowning incidents. Their guidance helps parents and carers explain how floating on your back can control breathing and prevent panic if someone unexpectedly enters the water, also highlighting the physical effects of cold water immersion. Through videos, campaigns and simple step-by-step advice, the RNLI empowers families to build young people's confidence and resilience around water, ensuring they know how to respond calmly and effectively in an emergency.



Please visit: RNLI - [Water Safety Advice and Tips - Know the Risks](#)

Having these conversations at home can make a real difference in helping children and young people make safer choices and reduce the risk of accidents. Starting these conversations early can help young people build awareness and develop safer habits, giving them the confidence to make better choices as they grow older.

Key Points to Remember:

- Open water is very different from swimming pools - it may look calm but can be dangerous
- Never go into open water alone or without supervision
- Choose safer places to swim, such as lifeguarded beaches, pools, or designated swimming areas
- Avoid taking risks or giving in to peer pressure
- Understand the dangers of cold water shock
- Know what to do if you get into trouble e.g. Float to Live
- Know what to do if someone else is in trouble e.g. call 999, never enter the water and throw something that floats

Please remember that drowning is preventable. By working together to support, guide and educate our young people, we can empower them with the skills and awareness they need to make safer choices and stay safe around water.

Thank you for your continued support.

Free Online Courses for Parents

Learning in Libraries
Shared/Resource Account

Hampshire
County Council
Library Service



Stepping Into School Online course

Tuesdays 2 - 23 June 7pm - 8:30pm

FREE

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



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Positive Parenting Online course

Mondays 8 June - 6 July 7:30pm - 9pm

FREE

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

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- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

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JUNE
12:00**

Alternative Provision

What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

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Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

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Responding to a draft EHCP

If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

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Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**17
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Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support

Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

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www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops

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Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by Face, separate from the school membership.

Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month

Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents

Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the **PARENTS - Live Talks** page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Community Public Health Nursing

SAFE FOR SUMMER

June 2026

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



Protecting your skin

Spending too much time in the sun can damage your skin and getting sunburnt significantly increases your risk of skin cancer:

[Sun Safety: Just the facts](#)



Festivals

The ultimate guide to staying safe at festivals this summer:

[How to stay safe at festivals](#)

[Ultimate festival kit](#)

[Clinic Finder: Sexual Health](#)

Drink your water

Staying hydrated is important for a healthy body and mind and even more so, to keep topped up in the summer when you're more likely to sweat more.

[Seven reasons to stay hydrated](#)

Respect the Water

Spending time in the pool or sea is great way to cool off and keep fit during the summer but remember to respect the water, know your limits, and how to keep safe.

[Water Safety | Health For Teens](#)

[Float To Live - What To Do In An Emergency - RNLI](#)

Teens Talk Health Podcast

Made for young people, by young people



Listen now!

School's nearly out and the summer fun begins! But how do you enjoy your well earned break safely? Join our group of teens and nurses who run down topics like alcohol awareness, water safety, and protecting your skin from the sun. Chathealth is open all summer too so drop our nurses a text if you have a question on 07507 332160. Open Monday - Friday (except bank holidays) 8.30am-4.30pm.

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SUMMER OF SUPERPOWERS

UNCOVER THEIR SUPERPOWERS THIS SUMMER!

FREE MULTI-ACTIVITY HAF HOLIDAY CAMPS

Give them a summer of super-powered adventure, with epic days packed full of sport, fun & activities

FREE

*For children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or deemed vulnerable.

WHEN: Summer 2026 - Dates vary by venue

WHO: For children aged 4 - 12

WHERE: Across Hampshire (see below)

COST: FREE for eligible children*

VENUES:

- Gosport/Fareham:**
 - Alver Valley School
 - Leesland Junior School
 - Orchard Lea Junior School
 - Grange Infant & Junior Sch.
- Basingstoke & Deane:**
 - Chalk Ridge Primary School
 - Manor Field Junior School
 - Oakley Infant School
- Eastleigh:**
 - Colden Common Primary Sch.
 - Toynbee School
 - Stoke Park Junior School
 - Barton Peveril Sixth Form
- New Forest:**
 - Applemore College
- Havant & Waterlooville:**
 - Morelands Primary School
 - Padnell Junior School
- Winchester:**
 - Stanmore Primary School
 - Sun Hill Infant
 - Swanmore College

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FOOTBALL CAMP

Hero-level skills, coaching and small-sided matches for kids who live for the pitch.

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

Epic mix of sports, games & activities, every day is a new adventure!

DANCE CAMP

High-energy routines & moves that let them shine like dance heroes with a fab new theme every week!

WHO: For children aged 4 - 13 (Mini Campers go free!)

WHEN: 23 July - 28 August 2026 - 9am - 4pm (Early and late options available)

WHERE: Swanmore College

COST: £26.25 per day

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Use code SUMMERAS15 to get 15% off. Code expires 29 Jan 26

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MINI CAMPERS GO FREE!

Mini Campers must be aged 4 and in Yr R

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 July 2026 Timetable All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing Team(5-19y) are offering support with your primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code
to book a 30-minute slot at
Cromwell House,
Winchester



How do I manage
challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support
for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage
healthy eating?

* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions

*Have a good weekend.
Courage - Compassion – Creativity*